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Dennis McLerran
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Dear Mr. McLerran:

As you are aware, the Portland Harbor Trustee Council is currently in the planning stages of a natural resource damage assessment at the Portland Harbor Superfund site. As a part of this effort, we are conducting an initial sediment bioassay study on Pacific lamprey this spring and summer.

One of the challenges of this type of study is the collection of the necessary quantities of sediments from contaminated areas. We are planning to use diver collection methods similar to those used by EPA to collect sediments during the Remedial Investigation at Portland Harbor. To this end, the Trustee Council and the EPA Region 10 Dive Team are collaborating to collect sediments from Portland Harbor in June.

The Trustee Council would like to reimburse the dive team for travel costs associated with the sediment collection. The Council is requesting your assistance and guidance in how to best provide funding for the travel costs, estimated by Sean Sheldrake (the Unit Diving Officer) at \$4,000. The Trustee Council would like to request your assistance with this study by identifying a method for transferring funds to EPA, or, if this proves impossible in the required timeframe, by having EPA provide funding for these travel costs.

The Trustee Council appreciates our continued close partnership and coordination with EPA at the Portland Harbor Superfund site. We appreciated your offer of cooperation made during the recent Portland Harbor meeting with Congressman Blumenauer, and hope that you will be able to support us in this important component of the damage assessment effort.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience (503-753-1310) to discuss this matter.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Madden".

Erin Madden
Portland Harbor Trustee Council Chair